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Applicant respectfully requests, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, that the references listed on the attached PTO-1449 form be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of these references are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. Furthermore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(h), no representation is made that these references qualify as prior art or that these references are material to the patentability of the present application.

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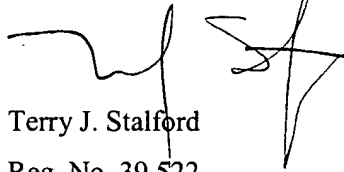
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), Applicant believes that this Information Disclosure Statement has been filed before the mailing date of a final action or notice of allowance. Therefore, Applicant believes that no fee is due. However, if any additional fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker & Botts, L.L.P.

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